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SUBJECT Reconstruction on the Second Track on The
Guben-Falkenberg Railroad Line

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1. On 26 April 1952, a conference on the reconstruction of the second track of the Guben-Falkenberg railroad line was held at the office of Erwin Kramer, Director General, Railroads, Berlin.

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- a. Officials attending the conference included: Ernst Friedrich Wollweber Secretary of State; Lose (fnu), representative of the Ministry of Traffic; Erwin Kramer, Director General, Railroads; Richard Seemann and Bohner Deputy Directors General, Railroads; Metz (fnu), economic director; Poesch (fnu), Lier (fnu) and Lindenmann (fnu), department chiefs of the Directorate General, Railroads, Berlin; five officials of the Directorate General; Gruber (fnu), president of the Cottbus regional railroad headquarters; and Poesch (fnu), Prochlich (fnu) and Reinhold (fnu), departmental chiefs of the Cottbus regional railroad headquarters. (1)

- b. It was pointed out that all construction projects in the Cottbus railroad district, particularly work on the reconstruction of the second track on the Guben-Falkenberg railroad line, were meeting with difficulties. There was a shortage of rails and switches, tools, labor and technically qualified personnel. (2)

The Director General, Railroads, Berlin, promised to make available 11 railroad engineers to help eliminate existing difficulties. (3)

- c. According to orders of the Director General, Railroads, Berlin, new rails are to be mainly used for reconstruction of the second track on the Guben-Falkenberg and Grossbeuthen-Sied. In lines. (3)

- d. Kramer and Wollweber demanded that all the projects included in the 1952 construction program of the Cottbus regional railroad headquarters be completed by 31 December 1952. (4)

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1. Prior to 1951, Wollweber was Director General, Shipping, Berlin. He was then made Secretary of State in the Ministry of Traffic. On 10 January 1952, Richard Staimer, a former inspector of the Volkspolizei and son-in-law of Wilhelm Pieck, president of the Russian Zone of Germany, was appointed deputy Director General, Railroads, Berlin. Gruber was previously known as the president of the Cottbus regional railroad headquarters.
 2. The reconstruction of the dismantled second track of the Guben-Falkenberg railroad line which is of great importance for Soviet transit traffic was included as a priority project in the 1952 construction program. A sum of 31,584,000 eastmarks has been earmarked for the execution of this project in the 1952 Investment Plan. [REDACTED]
 3. The line between Grossbeeren and Seddin continues the southern section of the Berlin outer freight ring toward the west. As this section of the Berlin outer freight ring was double-tracked in 1951, the reconstruction of the second track on the Grossbeeren-Seddin line is a necessity. The project, which will cost an estimated 5,750,000 eastmarks, was included in the 1952 construction program of the Berlin regional railroad headquarters. [REDACTED]
 4. For tabulation of construction projects of the Cottbus regional railroad headquarters [REDACTED]

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